MINUTES: of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on June 21, 2011 at 5:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Bean, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember

ABSENT: Jon Harrison, Councilmember

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar W. Orci, Development Services Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

Mayor Aguilar called the meeting to order and offered those present the opportunity to provide public comment on any item to be discussed in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting recessed at 5:03 P.M. to a closed session to discuss a Redevelopment Agency matter (see RDA minutes, same date).

The meeting reconvened at 6:01 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember Bean followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced Tilly, a 6 year old female terrier mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter along with fifty other dogs and a hundred and four cats. Officer Miller informed the Council thirty-eight dogs and twenty cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

365 Club Recognition - Civilian Volunteer Patrolman (CVP) Jim Stellar described the history of the 365 Club, an organization of donors to the CVP Program. In recognition of their participation, some for 19 years, Mayor
Aguilar read the donors' names and Chief Garcia presented certificates of appreciation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Oakmont Park Cleanup - Sherli Leonard highlighted a successful collaboration between the City of Redlands, the Redlands Conservancy and Calfire's Oak Glen Conservation Camp to clear away weed overgrowth around Oakmont Park facilities.

Street Repair Crew Efforts - Perry Hays expressed his appreciation for the efforts of a City of Redlands street repair crew along East Sunset Drive. Mayor Aguilar spoke for the entire City Council in thanking members of the crew for representing the City so well.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

Library Board - Bill Hardy, Board President, articulated the roles of many City of Redlands individuals and agencies in the success of the Smiley Library. He went on to list the upgrades, activities and services of the library over the past year.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special meetings of June 1 and 6, 2011 and the regular meeting of June 7, 2011.

Commission Appointment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment to the Human Relations Commission of Carol Coley for a term of four years expiring on June 21, 2015.

Commission Appointment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Matt Millett to the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission for a term expiring January 18, 2015 and the appointment of Geneil Vines and Shan McNaughton each to fill unexpired terms ending January 18, 2015.

SANBAG Liaison – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the designation of Mayor Pete Aguilar as the City of Redlands representative to the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and Councilmember Jon Harrison as alternate representative effective July 1, 2011.
SANBAG Vision Statement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved endorsing the Countywide Vision Statement developed by SANBAG.

Resolution No. 7052 - Traffic Regulations - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7052 establishing a multi-way stop at the intersection of Texas Street and Stuart Avenue.

Grant Award - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved acceptance of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2010 Technology Program Grant Award and the supplemental appropriation of $37,652 to the Police Department.

Grant Distribution - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an interlocal agreement between the City of Redlands and the Town of Apple Valley, the Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, Fontana, Hesperia, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, Victorville and the County of San Bernardino relating to the distribution of the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant Award and the additional appropriation of $22,672 to the Police Department.

Volunteer Program Grant - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a contract between the City of Redlands and the County of San Bernardino for a $20,000 grant from the County to enhance Citizen Volunteer and Citizen Volunteer Park Ranger programs.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ladder Truck Update - Neal Waner, of the Redlands Ladder Truck Fundraising Committee, presented an overview of efforts to raise the $159,000 matching requirement for a grant to acquire a fire service ladder truck for the Redlands Fire Department. Planned events to raise funds include a "Bucket Brigade" for donations at the 4th of July celebration, a "Touch the Truck" event to familiarize young children with firefighting equipment, and a Firefighters' Gala evening event. To date, $47,480.01, or 29% of the goal, has been pledged or collected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transportation Pilot Program - Mayor Pro Tem Foster introduced and Wendy Williams spoke in support of a free pass program to introduce college students to the use of Omnitrans busses for transportation throughout the Inland Empire. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the
City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Omnitrans for one-time funding of a College Bus Pilot Program. Councilmember Gardner recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to his employment association with California State University San Bernardino, a recipient of the Omnitrans passes.

Ordinance No. 2752 - Construction Cost Accounting Act - City Attorney McHugh informed the Council of the action by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission to raise informal bidding limits effective July 1, 2011 and explained that Ordinance No. 2752 amended the Redlands Municipal Code to reflect the new limits. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2752 amending Chapter 2.16 of the City of Redlands Municipal Code relating to public contracts awarded pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

Agreement Amendment - Chris Diggs, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, explained the need for a change order to an agreement between the City of Redlands and South West Pump & Drilling, Inc. for additional rehabilitation work to be done on Airport No. 2 Well. On motion of Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 (Change Order No. 1) to the agreement.

Resolution No. 7051 - Hinckley Treatment Plant CDPH Funding Agreement - Ross Whitman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided the background information leading to the staff proposal for Resolution No. 7051. On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7051 authorizing the Mayor to sign a funding agreement between the City of Redlands and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH); authorizing the City Engineer to approve claims for reimbursement, execute the budget and expenditure summary, sign the contractor's release form and sign the certification of project completion; and dedicating revenues from the 506403 Debt Service Fund as the source of revenue to repay the agreement loan. The motion also appropriated an additional $3,186,933 for the Water Fund.

LAND USE:

Sign CUP No. 14 - Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Oscar Orci, Development Services Director, to provide a summary of events leading to the proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 14 to allow the construction of an approximately 570 square foot freeway-oriented sign with a height of 80 feet for vacant property located on the west side of New York Street, east of the 210 Freeway, south of Lugonia Avenue and north of Colton Avenue in the
EV/CG (General Commercial) District of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan. Mr. Orci informed the Council the applicant asked for a continuance to July 5, 2011 to allow them the opportunity to attend the hearing. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to continue the item as requested by the applicant.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution No. 7057 - Water Management Plan - Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Chris Diggs, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director, to provide a summary of events leading to the proposed 2010 Regional Urban Water Management Plan. As a public comment, Leonard Goldman expressed concern about the pollution plumes present in the region. Dennis Bell asked how the City planned to address the loss of revenue associated with the decreased water consumption reflected in the Plan. Mayor Aguilar expressed no doubt the effect of water consumption rates would have to be addressed. On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7057 adopting the Plan.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolutions No. 446, 447 and 7048 - Conditional Property Disposition Agreement - Councilmember Bean recused himself from any discussion and voting on these resolutions due to his business relationship with Showprop Redlands, LLC. Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Oscar Orci, Development Services Director, to provide a summary of events leading to the proposed agreement. As public comment, 19 speakers representing the Redlands Conservancy, the Redlands Historical Museum Association, the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission, the Redlands Association, the North Redlands Visioning Committee, the Redlands Junior Historical Society, and themselves as residents spoke in opposition to the sale of the Mutual Orange Distributors packing house to Showprop Redlands, LLC. One speaker, Dennis Bell, said he believed Redlands would be better off if the property in question was torn down. On motion by Mayor Aguilar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, and by unanimous decision of the members present, the joint session of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency was continued to a public hearing to be held on July 5, 2011 to consider Resolution No. 446 of the Redevelopment Agency approving the possible sale of real property to Showprop Redlands, LLC and adopting findings in connection with such sale; Resolution No. 7048 of the City Council approving the summary report required by Health and Safety Code §33433, approving the possible sale of property to Showprop Redlands, LLC and adopting findings in connection with such sale; and Resolution No. 447 of the Redevelopment Agency approving a "Conditional Property Disposition Agreement" between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redlands and Showprop Redlands LLC for the possible
sale of four parcels of real property located at 330 North Third Street, Redlands, California.

COUNCILMEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Coffee with Council - Mayor Aguilar and Mayor Pro Tem Foster had a spirited session with Redlands residents at Stell's Coffee & Tea on June 17th. The next event will be at the Redlands Family Restaurant on July 16th.

Lamp Exchange - Southern California Edison sponsored an exchange program whereby over 300 residents traded their lighting fixtures for more energy efficient lamps as part of the City of Redlands Sustainability Plan.

Redistricting - Mayor Aguilar distributed copies of a letter he wrote to the Citizens’ Redistricting Commission objecting to the currently planned Congressional Districts which would split the City of Redlands voting population into an approximate proportion of 70% - 30% and adversely effect the representative voice of the people.

Ed Hales Park Groundbreaking - Mayor Aguilar and Mayor Pro Tem Foster attended the groundbreaking for the Ed Hales Park renovation, the last phase of the Downtown Improvement Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M. The Council will meet at their next regular meeting on July 5, 2011.